

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 780

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to commend Katerina N. Cook for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Katerina N. Cook is one such individual, who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Steve Southerland; Katerina's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Austin Peay State University, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Ms. Cook has achieved academic success while majoring in leadership and organizational administration and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including the Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society and Chi Omega, which she has served as homecoming chair and director of programming; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Katerina Cook brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2018 session of the One Hundred Tenth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, as an intern for Senator Southerland, Ms. Cook took the position of secretary of the office for two workdays, and she networked and grew Senator Southerland's pie day event from one pie to eight; and

WHEREAS, currently running for intern governor, Katerina Cook has a deep sense of justice and is passionate about improving the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, she exhibits her devout religious faith as an active member of her church; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cook is grateful for the love and support she shares with her fiancé, Kent Voorhies; her parents, Jeff Cook and Lisa Cook; and her sister, Sophie Cook; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2018 legislative session, Katerina Cook has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Katerina Cook has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Katerina N. Cook for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Steve Southerland and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.